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U.S. Patent No. 5,867,542;

European Patent Publication No. EP 0 821 503, together with patent family member, U.S. Patent No. 5,920,220;

International Patent Publication No. WO 97/01908, together with patent family member, U.S. Patent No. 6,130,577; and

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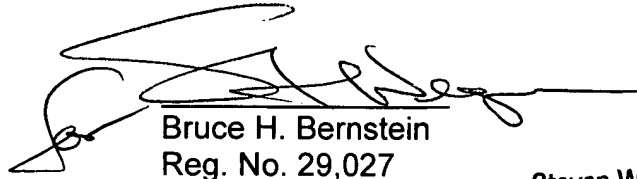
Further to 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(ii), copies of the U.S. patents are not enclosed herewith. However, if any copies are needed, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above material and cite the same. Copies of the above-noted foreign documents are attached hereto and all of the documents are listed on an attached PTO-1449 Form. The Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed Form to Applicants with the next official communication in the present application.

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